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1. For a few years after the liberation of 9 September 1944, the following youth organizations existed in Bulgaria:
 - a. The Union of Working Youth (Rabotnicheski Mladezhki Saiuz), a section of the Bulgarian Communist Party. During World War II, this Union was clandestine.
 - b. The Agricultural Youth Union (Zemedelski Mladezhki Saiuz), a section of the Bulgarian Agricultural Party. This organization was also clandestine during World War II. When the Bulgarian Agricultural Party split 1947 or 1948, the majority of the members of the Youth Union aligned themselves with that group which opposed the regime. Most of the leaders of the opposition group were arrested and it is probable that, as a consequence of this, the Union became clandestine.
 - c. The Youth Section of the Zveno Political Party (Mladezhki Saiuz "Zveno").
 - d. The Youth Section of the Social Democratic Party.
 - e. The Students' Union (Edinen Mladezhki Obshto Uchenicheski Saiuz), an organization of the students of secondary schools, was not a political organization.

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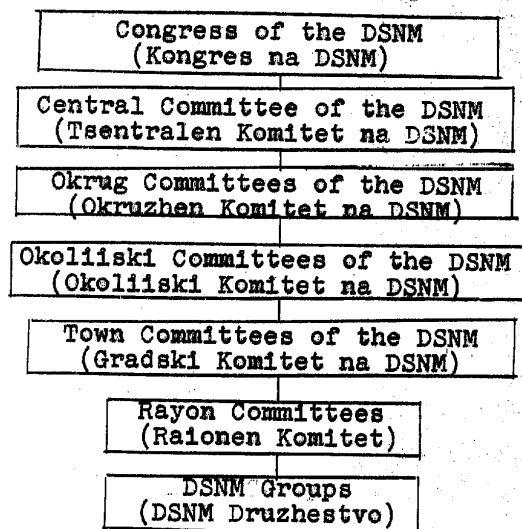
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f. The Popular Students' Union (Obsht Studentski Narodni Saiuz).

2. All of these organizations had a degree of independence within the framework of their political party programs. But in December 1947 a single youth organization designed to absorb all youth organizations was formed since a means had to be found to bring all Bulgarian youth under the direct influence of the Bulgarian Communist Party. The only way to accomplish this was to force all youth organizations to unite under pressure from the Communist Party.
3. Since 1947 there has been only one official youth organization, the Dimitrov Union of People's Youth (Dimitrovski Saiuz na Narodnata Mladezh - DSNM). Every student had to belong to the Dimitrov Union of People's Youth if he wished to complete his studies or to find employment. Bulgaria was a member of the International Students' Union although it had no separate students' organization.
4. The Dimitrov Union of People's Youth was controlled directly by the Bulgarian Communist Party and followed the general Party line. Its publication was entitled Narodna Mladezh (People's Youth). It published materials dealing with the problems of youth throughout the world. The source of all information published in People's Youth was the International Democratic Youth Federation (Fédération Internationale Démocratique de la Jeunesse) which was a Communist front organization.
5. The following is an outline of the organization of the Dimitrov Union of People's Youth (Dimitrovski Saiuz na Narodnata Mladezh - DSNM):



- a. The supreme organ of the DSNM was the Congress.
- b. The executive body was the Central Committee of the DSNM, to which were subordinated all the Okrug (or District) Committees in the country.
- c. The District Committees controlled all the County Committees (Okoliiski Komitet).
- d. The County Committees controlled all the Town Committees (Gradski Komitet).
- e. The Town Committees controlled all the Town District Committees (Raionen Komitet).
- f. The Town District Committees controlled the DSNM Groups (DSNM Druzhestvo).

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